

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for depigmenting or lightening the epidermis with a protective and regenerate effect comprising topically applying at least one lyophilisate of dedifferentiated plant cells to depigment or to lighten wherein said dedifferentiated plant cells are halophile plant cells.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the dedifferentiated plant cells are obtained by in vitro culture.
3. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 2, wherein the dedifferentiated plant cells obtained by in vitro culture are cell lines.
4. **(Canceled)**
5. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the halophile plant is *Criste Marine*.
6. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the lyophilisate depigments or lightens the epidermis by blocking the tyrosinase activity.
7. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the lyophilisate protects the epidermis by an anti-radical effect.
8. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the lyophilisate regenerates the epidermis by a stimulating effect on the proliferation of the cells of the epidermal basal layer.
9. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the lyophilisate regenerates the epidermis by an inhibitory effect on the epidermal differentiation.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A topically applied cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one lyophilisate of dedifferentiated plant cells in a physiologically acceptable base, wherein said dedifferentiated plant cells are halophile plant cells.
11. **(Previously Presented)** The topically-applied cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to claim 10, wherein the at least one lyophilisate is from 0.05% to 2% of the composition.
12. **(Currently Amended)** The topically-applied cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one lyophilisate is from 0.1% to 1% of the ~~composition~~composition.
13. **(Previously Presented)** The topically-applied cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition according to claim 10, wherein the at least one lyophilisate is 0.5% of the composition.
14. **(Presently Amended)** The composition according to any one of claims 10 to 13, wherein said composition rejuvenates the skin.
15. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to any one of claims 10 to 13, wherein said composition treats pigment spots.
16. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to any one of claims 10 to 13, wherein said composition lightens black or asian skin.
17. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 10, wherein the dedifferentiated plant cells are obtained by in vitro culture.
18. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 17, wherein the dedifferentiated plant cells obtained by in vitro culture are cell lines.
19. **(Canceled)**

20. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 10, wherein the halophile plant is *Criste Marine*.
21. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 10, wherein the lyophilisate blocks tyrosinase activity.
22. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 10, wherein the lyophilisate has an anti-radical effect.
23. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 10, wherein the lyophilisate stimulates the proliferation of epidermal basal layer cells.
24. **(Previously Presented)** The composition according to claim 10, wherein the lyophilisate inhibits epidermal differentiation.